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HAYDEN.

The history of the Hayden family - at least so far as it relates to the Essex, Connecticut branch - to which you and I belong, is wrapped up in romance and tradition - poetry and supposition.

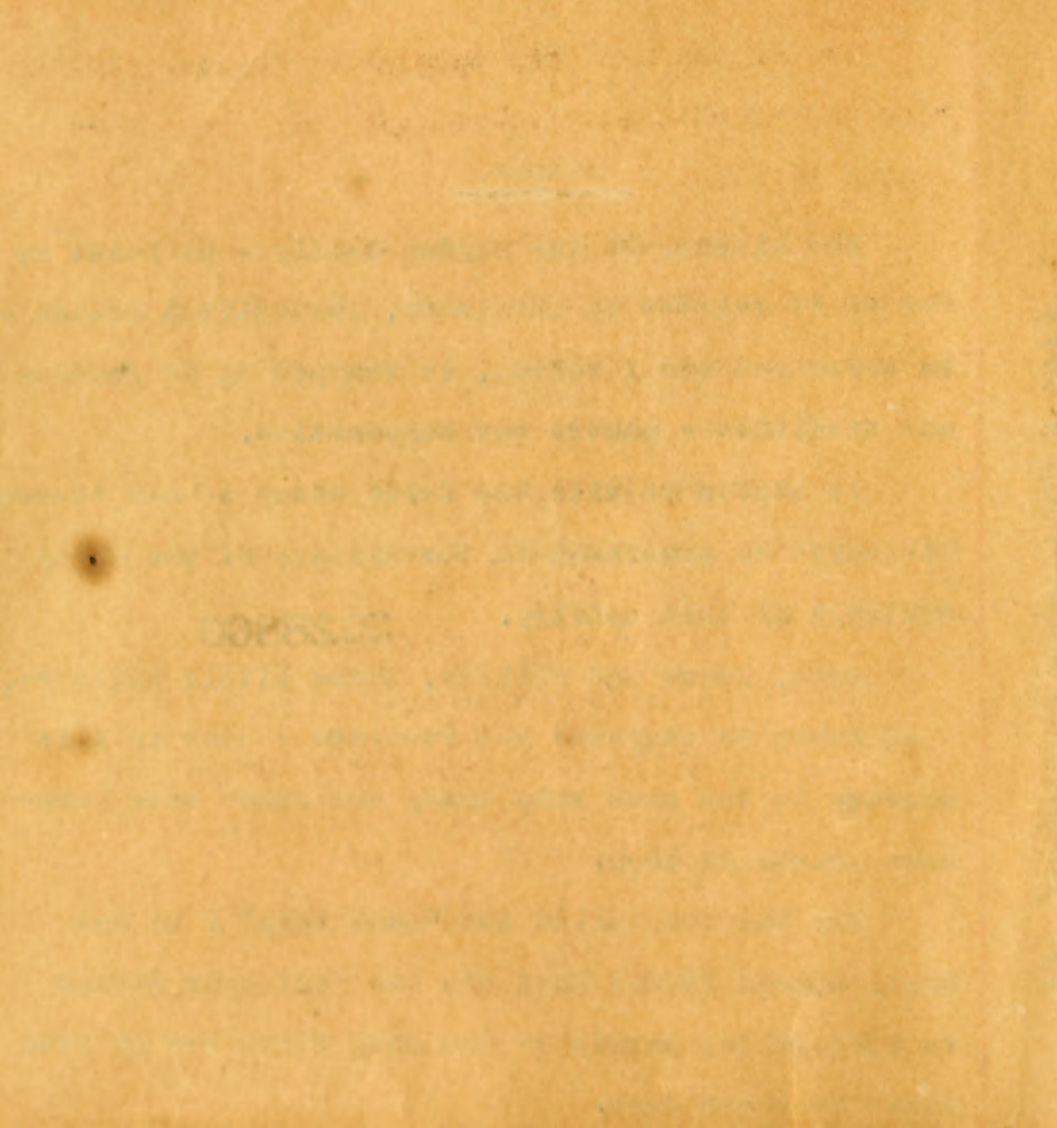
It starts in with the fairy story of the "three brothers" so prominent in the history of the early settlers of this country.

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John, James and William, three little brothers, - at least so supposed and recorded - came to this country in the good ship "Mary and John" with Park-hams Church in 1630.

Why she was called the "good ship" I do not know, unless it was that she was fortunate enough to survive the perils of the deep which was no mean stunt in those days.

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Now if she has been termed the "Speed-well" or even the "Good-speed" there would have been some reason to it.

And it is also worthy of note that when they did come they brought their church with them - they took no chances - others had preceded them - and

"Amidst the storm they sang,

And the stars heard and the sea:

And the sounding aisles of the dim  
woods rang

To the anthem of the free."

"The ocean eagle soared

From his nest by the white waves seer,

And the rocking pines of the forest  
roared

This was their welcome here."

Evidently the reception did not appeal to the Hayden brothers.





As stated above John, James and William are supposed to have been brothers - but so far as we have any reliable information, they might have been second cousins or even no relation at all and the statement that they came on the "Mary & John" is merely a supposition also, based upon the fact that they were at early date found associated with those that we know did come on that ship - Perhaps they were steerage passengers and did not get listed - This, however, we do know;- they were all recorded as "freemen" in Dorchester, Mass. in 1634 and, from the fact that they soon separated, it is evident that they considered Dorchester neither conducive to their health nor to their happiness:- For John is recorded as a "freeman" in Braintree, Mass. in 1640: James likewise in Charlestown, Mass. in 1637:-



and William turns up in the land of "Nutmegs" as a "freeman" at Windsor, Connecticut in 1640.

One would naturally suppose that some of the Windsor Haydens, sailing down the Connecticut river and seeing the "beauties" of Essex and the advantages of a location there might have settled in that place and have become the Ancestors of the Essex branch of the family, so called.

I am, however, inclined to think otherwise for the following reasons:-

In April, 1899 I received a letter from Jabez Haskell Hayden of Windsor, Conn. at that time 87 years of age, in which he states, that he has been unable to find any connection of the Windsor Haydens with those of Essex, although he had spent 60 years in tracing out the descendants of the Windsor branch. He published in 1888 a genealogy of the family, but





it was almost entirely confined to the descendants of William.

The descendants of James of Charlestown were quite numerous but they seemed to have flocked by themselves.

- Coat of Arms -

You are no doubt familiar with the "Cut-away", the "Prince Albert" and the "Tuxedo" and may not be posted as to a "Coat of Arms". The Hayden family had one - in fact lots of them - as the Heraldic records of old England show. The one that appealed to me the most, was the one granted to John Heydon by Richard I, the Lion Hearted, so called. I am unable to describe it in heraldic language, but in plain English it was, "a spotted dog sitting on top of a side board fence gazing at a cat"



underneath is the motto,

- Virtus sola nobilitat -

- "Virtue alone makes one noble" -

Whether this referred to the Heydon family - or was an encomium on the dog - or derogatory to the cat, I do not know. It is a matter of regret that no direct connection of the Haydens of America with those of old England has ever been found, although a great amount of both money and time has been spent in the endeavor.

John Hayden first appears in Lyme, Connecticut.

Land Records "Vol. 2, p. 270 in 1701" as purchaser of land from Henry Roland. (In those early days, Essex, Lyme and Saybrook were practically identical when speaking of location).

Now this John is the first Hayden that you and



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I can put our hand on and say kindly, affectionately and without fear of contradiction:-

"John, you belong to us! You are one of us - now where did you come from?"

Nothing whatever is recorded regarding his residence prior to the purchase of land in Lyme, but from the similarity of names in his family with those of the Hayden family in Braintree, it would seem to be good ground for the supposition - if not for the assumption - that John of Lyme 1701 was a descendant of John of Braintree 1640.

On May 10, 1703, John Hayden and Mary Hayden, his wife conveys the land bought of Henry Roland to Martha Blaque (Lyme Land Records, Vol. 2, page 331).

The children of John Hayden and Mary, his wife, are recorded (Lyme Records, Vol. 2, page 201) and





were,

Ebenezer b. October 8, 1698  
Jedediah b. December 14, 1700  
Nehemiah b. January 16, 1703

Administration on the estate of John Hayden deceased, late of Saybrooke was granted January 7, 1723 to Ebenezer Hayden and Samuel Doty both of Saybrook (Guilford Probate Records Vol. 1, page 163) - granted at the request of Mary Hayden in a letter dated December, 1723 stating that she is under great indisposition of body by reason of lameness. His wife was supposed to be a Mary Griffin - why I don't know.

It is a tradition in the family that John Hayden was a bricklayer and was drowned while going from Saybrooke to Essex with a scow loaded with bricks - that John himself was loaded is a mere matter of conjecture - there is this information however that



might lead to such an inference - Among the claims recorded as paid by the Administrators was "To cash paid Mr. Blaque for sundry victuals and drinks that the men had that went to search for father".

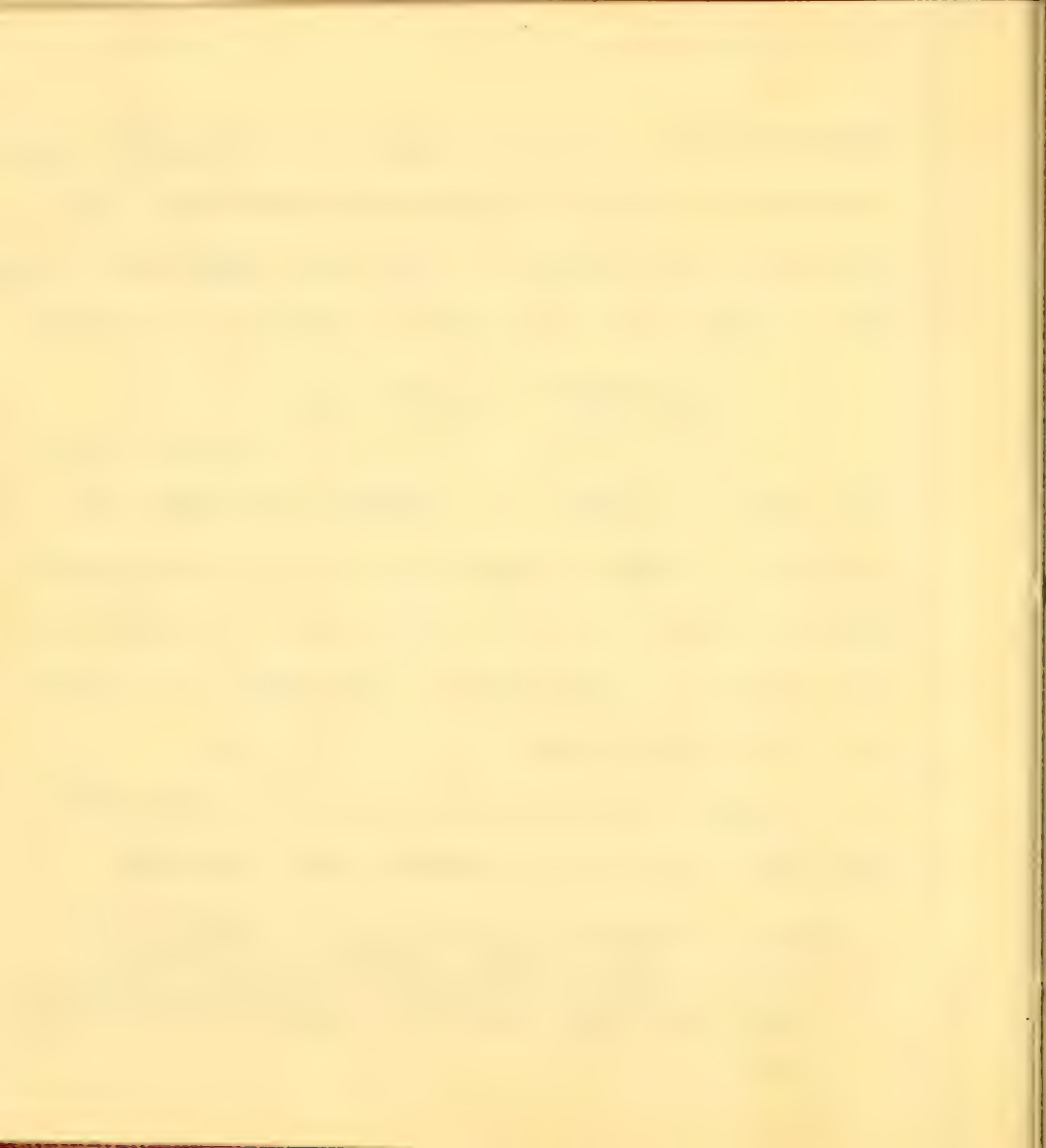
Victuals	1 s.	4 d.
Drinks	16 s.	-

Total 17 s. 4 d.

from which it might be inferred that they sent prepared to furnish John with what he would most desire in case they found him alive - but why so much money was squandered on victuals the record gives no explanation.

At any rate there seems to be no doubt but that John came to an untimely end: and that

"Not a sound was heard - not a funeral note  
As his corse to the rampart was hurried;  
Not a soldier discharged a farewell shot,  
O'er the grave where our Ancestor was buried."



"lightly we'll talk of the spirit that's gone,  
 And o'er his cold ashes upbraid him -  
 But little he'll reek, if we let him sleep on,  
 In the grave where accident laid him."

In Guilford Probate records this letter is on  
 file addressed to

"Mr. John Hayden living at Teabrooke in  
 Kanatyoot Collony in New England - dated

Mallcrekow September 2 the 1709.

My honnible father and mother I giving  
 my duty to you both, my love to my brother  
 and sisters, my respects to all my unkeles,  
 cousins, and aunts, my loving unkle Abenezzer  
 Ingraham and aunt Inulker. These lines  
 are to let you know I am in Prison."

This goes to show that while our relative's  
 moral character and spelling was at a low ebb, his  
 affection for his kinspeople was up to the general



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Behemiah:-

son of John - b. January 16, 1703 is supposed to have married Temperance Pratt. He died July 2nd, 1774. Administration on his estate went to Uriah Layden and Temperance Layden.

Guilford Pro. Records V. 12, p. 343, Aug. 2, 1774  
his children were:-

Uriah	b.	Jan. 10th, 1732
John		
Eliaz		
Eliakim		
Ezther		
Ann	married a Pratt	
Temperance	" Job Sinslow	

and here it is where you and I meet part -  
Genealogically speaking - you looking back on  
Eliakim as your noble ancestor and I on Uriah as  
my G. G. grandfather.





As it may perhaps be of interest to you to know how I came into the Hayden family, I will give you a short cut to my ancestor.

Uriah b. Jan. 10, 1732  
married Ann Starkey December 2, 1754

Hehemiah, son of Uriah  
b. December 4, 1755 died May 29, 1791  
at the Island of Barbadoes. Why he should have gone off there to die, when they have such a nice quiet burial ground in Essex to lie in, I am unable to say. He married Sarah Sill - dear Sarah - I wish I knew who she was. I have never been able to trace her.

He had quite a number of children - in fact - a whole kit of them.

Horace, son of Hehemiah,  
b. in 1786, married in 1818  
Nancy Green of East Haddam, Conn.

He also had a flock of children - a dozen more or less.



Nancy Green Hayden b. Oct. 29, 1820

married at East Haddam, Conn.

George Edward Goodspeed, son  
of Joseph Goodspeed, a descendant of Roger Goodspeed  
of Barnstable 1640 and on January 14, 1845, your  
humble servant appeared on the scene and was duly  
named after his two grandfathers.-

*Joseph Horace Goodspeed*

Boston, May 18th, 1914.



And now a few words in closing regarding:-

### ELIAKIM

The first mention we have of Eliakim is in

II Chronicles Chap. 36 Verses 4-5.

"And the King of Egypt made Eliakim, his brother, king over Judea and Jerusalem, and turned his name to Jehoiakim - He reigned eleven years in Jerusalem and he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord."

From the above it will be seen that while he was no great shakes in the sight of the Lord - yet he had the ability to hold on to his job eleven years.

And again, I call your attention to the similarity of names with those of the Braintree Haydens -

II Kings, Chap. 23, Verse 34

"His father's name was Josiah and his mother's name was Zebudah."





So I feel that we can look back with fond feeling for our relatives of those early days - and see, as it were, as the shades of evening fell upon the plains of Zebulon - Josie and Ned calling Eli - and little knee high Nan to their side and teaching to them,

"Now I lay me down to sleep."

And so endeth the First Lesson.

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R. HENRY W. DWIGHT,

67 FRANKLIN STREET,  
BOSTON.

May 28th, 1914.

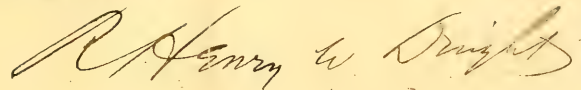
My Dear Joseph, of Many Colors!  
Mostly white, and True Blue - No Yellow!

If I had your gift of putting things in a sweet and pleasant way, I would not sell my services for ten times what I am getting, and I would write many articles pertaining to The Dwight Collection, and I would have fun reading them before appreciative audiences.

Your little brochure on the Hayden family, in which you acknowledge relationship to your obedient servant, is a charming effort, and I am delighted to have it.

Why don't you telephone out next Sunday morning, say about nine o'clock, and ask me if I am going to be at home, and come out and see some of my old papers, and look at the Hayden lines, which include famous old Revolutionary boatbuilders, etc.

Very truly yours.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "R. Henry W. Dwight". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Joseph H. Goodspeed Esquire,  
84 State Street  
Boston, Mass.





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CHESTNUT HILL

My dear Mr. Godspeed

The extremely 'inter-  
esting' (if somewhat 'frivolous')  
history of the branch of the  
Hayden family with which  
you and I are intimately  
connected reached me safely  
last Friday, and has given  
me very keen enjoyment.

Your kindness in  
looking up our relationship  
and having its record put in  
such convenient and attract-  
ive form is thoroughly appre-  
ciated by me; and I regret

of my grandfather John F. Hayden  
and his wife Catherine Allen,  
and was undoubtedly  
named for your maternal grand-  
mother, Nancy Green, which  
would go to prove that my  
grandfather had known that  
lady as his aunt.

I seriously object to  
the aspersions cast upon the  
character of my common  
ancestor John - the John  
who laid tricks and had  
the misfortune to figure  
in the marine disaster  
which ended his useful ca-  
reer. Even though he did,  
at one time, spite a letter

which established his temporary residence, in his own language, as a "Pier" may we not consider, in the light of the "poetry and supposition" to say nothing of the "romance and tradition" encircling the family records, that our ancestor was using that poetic licence which would come so naturally from a person of his artistic achievements, and referred to some temporary bondage of his free spirit?

It is delightful to come in closer touch with the earlier members of our



70. are here more promptly ac-  
knowledge but for the birthday  
(and celebration later) of a  
small but important person  
in our family.

Indifference to records  
establishing important facts  
regarding family matters, seems  
almost to have been a custom  
of the Hayden family; for as  
far as I know, no record  
was kept of the date when my  
paternal <sup>great</sup> grandfather, Elisha  
Hayden, left Connecticut and  
came to Long Island.

I regret deeply that I  
did not get definite facts  
from my father during  
his lifetime; but he shared

a Connecticut woman or a  
Long Islander, but I may be  
able to ascertain this from  
my mother.

My grandfather John  
Veeler Hayden married  
Catharine Allen of an  
old Long Island family  
and was born lived and  
died at Great Neck N. Y.  
as did also his son and  
my father Nehemiah Hay-  
den and my aunt Nancy  
Veeler Hayden, my father's  
older sister.

This Nancy Hayden born  
May 9, 1811, was the eldest  
daughter and second child

for the time and care you  
have given my share of  
the family genealogy,  
believe me

Very sincerely yours,  
Fayette Hayden Sears.

May 25, 1914.

P. S. - My husband read this  
letter and criticised the adject-  
ive "frivolous" saying your descrip-  
tion was humorous, not frivo-  
lous; but I prefer my "frivolous"  
as depicting the light and  
graphic touch with which you  
transformed dry facts into shall-  
we-call-it! J. H. S.

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family, but in transcribing the events  
of their lives let us ~~not~~ forget that  
it is our duty to

"Be to their virtues ever kind  
And to their faults a little blind."

Some day I hope that you and Mrs.  
Grodspeed will come out to Chestnut  
Hill and see the very few family pict-  
ures (not portraits) which I possess,  
notably that of your great-grandfather  
Rehemiah. With regards to Mrs.  
Grodspeed, and very many thanks

The indifference of certain members  
of his family to such a degree that.  
he seldom touched upon the question  
of ancestry, and considered the clerical  
(I think) member of the Connecticut branch  
of the Hayden family - probably your  
friend Abner Haskell Hayden of Windsor-  
who frequently imported him for  
aid in investigating family records  
and establishing connections, an  
unmitigated nuisance.

I do not even know whether the  
Rebecca Steeler whom my great-  
grandfather Elihu married was



